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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Business in America is based on competition. Mega-companies do not have the right to deny competition to smaller companies. Monopolies ARE UNAMERICAN.

Frankly, I chose a smaller company over ATT after ATT service became very expensive and the service was scattered and terrible. I had been an ATT customer for over 20 years,

In today's world, many banking and bill payment systems have moved to online services only. Many other services are also based online.

ATT slowed my connection to a crawl, making so much lag that internet connections would log me out before I could complete transactions.

ATT also switched my landline so that talkinf was not clear, subject to large amounts of static and was also dropping calls frequently.

Needless to say, this was frustrating and dangerous because it also interfered with emergency calling availability.

I switched to a smaller business in competition with ATT and have been very pleased with their services.

Please DO NOT ALLOW ATT MONOPOLIZE our broadband services by eliminating smaller competitive businesses.

DO NOT PENALIZE the working class.

DO NOT SIDELINE SENIOR CITIZENS by limiting telephone services.

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